

**REMARKS**

Claims 24 and 27-49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 30, 31, 33-37, 42, 43 and 45-49 are amended solely to correct informalities contained therein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments only correct minor informalities contained in the claims; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made to correct newly discovered informalities. More particularly, the amendments amend some of the dependent claims to correct antecedent basis issues and place the claims in better form. Independent claims 24 and 28 have not been amended. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 24, 27-33, 35-45 and 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,421 issued to Chapman et al. ("Chapman") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,223,029 to Stenman et al. ("Stenman"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Page 2 of the Office Action acknowledges that Chapman fails to disclose executing printing of the image information in accordance with an instruction to print the image information from a cellular phone, as recited in claim 24 and a controller which controls a printing unit to execute printing of image information when an instruction is transmitted from a cellular phone, as recited in claim 38 and further states that Stenman overcomes these deficiencies of Chapman, as applied to claims 24 and 38.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that, assuming that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have had motivation to combine the teachings of Chapman and Stenman, the combination of Chapman and Stenman fails to disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in each of independent claim 24 and 38, including, *inter alia*, storing the image information in a memory and receiving an instruction to print the image information from a cellular phone, as recited in claim 24, and a memory in which the image information is stored and a cellular phone including a communication unit that transmits an instruction to the image forming device, wherein a controller controls the printing to execute the printing when the instruction is transmitted from the cellular phone, as recited in claim 38 because neither Chapman or Stenman discloses or suggests independent steps of storing image information and instructing or executing printing thereof based on an instruction from a cellular phone.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that the combination of Chapman and Stenman fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 24 and 38, as well as all the features of claims 27-33, 35-37, 39-45 and 47-49, which depend therefrom. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

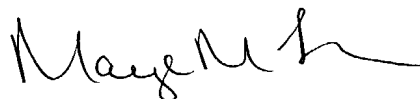
Claims 34 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chapman in view of Stenman and further in view of International Patent Publication WO 94/20659 ("WO'059"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicants submit that WO'059 fails to overcome the deficiencies of the combination of Chapman and Stenman as discussed above with regard to independent claims 24 and 38, from which claims 34 and 46 depend. For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that the combination of Chapman, Stenman and WO'059 fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 34 and 46. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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